



Aanii, my name is Joan Tipkey Jacobs, my family name was changed many times; Tophayigh, Tapakayah, Tepkeah to Tipkey. Some of my ancestors are Chief Red Cloud, Nesawwaquot, Louis and Josette Kewaygoshkum. I've always been actively involved with my Anishinabek culture. Several of my contributions involve assisting/teaching "The Urban American Indian Traditional Spirituality Program" and the development of various Pow Wows; including Vice Chairperson for Blue Water Indian Celebration, Black River Historical Gathering, and American Indian Movement Pow Wow.

I've earned an Associate Degree in Applied Arts and Science, Administrative Medical Assistant and Clerical Specialist and was employed by American Indian Health and Family Services and the Port Huron Area School District until our move up North. My husband and I resided on the reservation boundaries of the LTBBOI, where I was employed by the tribe. Some of my duties included Tribal Court Clerk, Elders Administrative Assistant, Elders Outreach, Shuttle Bus Driver and Interim Elder's Department Director. Some of my recent acquired cultural knowledge comes from my interactions with tribal elders, whom I adore and welcomed me as family. I loved being a Commissioner for the NICWA and Peacekeepers, which are a more traditional way of handling situations. I'm a Board Member of the Port Huron Township Recreation Department since 2006. Having returned to Port Huron, My husband and I have taught "The Urban American Indian Traditional Spirituality Program" a 12 week course teaching urban natives about our culture, also having returned to the classroom as a Paraprofessional for Special Education. My family and I continue to share our Anishinabe culture with both natives and non-natives alike in our School Districts Community, and Church.

I am actively involved in Protecting the Water and have been on numerous water walks and to Cannon Ball North Dakota to stand with Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to aid in protecting the water. United we had prayer and ceremonies asking the Creator to protect our Sacred People and water. We sang songs and held water ceremonies at sunrise, we expressed to the Army Corps of Engineers, Police, and DAPL security, a message of love and unity. We cleansed ourselves with sage, put down sema and held sweat lodges for ceremonies, and many pipe ceremonies were done.

My main reason for running for Tribal Council is to be part of a team that can safeguard our cultural values with honesty and integrity, and to be "Your Voice" representing the membership of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

My Mission is to meet and exceed the expectations of the tribal citizens. At Standing Rock, my friend Dennis Banks said, "Doing Nothing Is Not An Option", and I refuse to do nothing, therefore, I will continue to support our people and work, support cultural gatherings and encourage participation of the community. I will provide a personal commitment and will always offer respect and the best possible services to the people of the Waganakising Odawa Nation.

**Vote Joan Jacobs on ElectionDay!**  
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